

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 14, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commission Chairman Greg Jergeson was absent and did not leave a vote with Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division
Marla Larson, Utility Division

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FERC RM04-7, rule-making regarding market-based rates for electric generators and marketers:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize submission of draft comments in FERC docket RM04-7 subject to modifications for final review. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commission Chairman

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/ Centralized Services Division

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of an additional suspension of PSC No. 9270, March 13, 2005 to May 20, 2005- Docket No. TN2253:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the additional suspension of PSC No. 9270, March 13, 2005 to May 20, 2005. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(104) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the submission of a notarized verified statement on solid waste operations from L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana, as required by 38.3.1204, ARM- Docket No. TN2254:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to accept the verified statement and allow the certificate to remain in effect. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L&L Sanitation's application for sale and transfer of PSC No. 5039 to Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation LLP, Culbertson, Montana- Docket No. T-05.5.ST:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the sale and transfer of PSC No. 5039 to Allen Charles Bowker and Melanie Jean Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation LLP, Culbertson, Montana. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(106) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the minutes for the week of March 7, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division
Monica Tranel, Legal Division

(107) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Interconnection Agreement filed by KMC data- Docket No. D2005.1.8:

Commissioner Schneider moved to dismiss the petition without prejudice in Docket No. D2005.1.8, and advise Qwest and KMC the opt-in requirement is available to them. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(108) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest, Sprint, ACN Communication Services, Range Telephone Cooperative, and Three Rivers Wireless Interconnection Agreements- Dockets D2004.1.13, D2004.3.41, D2005.1.2, and D2005.1.3:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement and amendment between Qwest and Sprint in Docket No. D2004.1.13. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement in D2004.3.41 between Qwest and ACN and approve the new Interconnection Agreement related to D2005.1.2 between Qwest and ACN. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement in Docket No. D2005.1.3 between Range Telephone Cooperative and Three Rivers Wireless. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Phil Cooke, Utility Division
Tina Shorten, Utility Division
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(109) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a proposed ETC Lifeline/ Link-Up Rule:

Commissioner Schneider moved to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking in the ETC Lifeline/ Link-Up Rule. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(110) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Personnel, Budget, out of state travel for Eric Eck to attend the Utility Commission/ Wall Street Dialogue, May 26th and 27th, 2005:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve travel expenses for Eric Eck to attend the Wall Street Dialogue in New York City May 26th and 27th. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/ Centralized Services Division

(111) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Personnel and Budget;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the excess leave hours for Nina Wines and Ann Purcell until April 30, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 17, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commission Chairman

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters:

Commissioner Raney moved that the Montana PSC oppose HB 389 as it is currently written unless amended with the amendments written by the PSC staff, which would end the Montana PSC's opposition. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar abstained from the vote.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

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